

taxation in the future. Still his faith in the government was such that he could not believe that it would repudiate the money which it had issued. His \$1000, therefore, and the thousands which had been added to them by his persistence and skill, he was confident would come back to him some day in real value; but in the meantime he, with other citizens of the country, must submit to heavy taxation and a general reduction in prices, and by this whole

habits of industry and economy. But this is a prophecy, not history; here, therefore, my narrative must end.

CHICAGO EVENING

COMPLIMENTARY. The Chicago Evening Journal speaks in complimentary terms of Mr. James F. Claflin, a gentleman favorably known to many of our citizens, and now a member of the Illinois Legislature. The Journal says:

Mr. Claflin's reputation as a ripe scholar, an individual's general familiarity with subjects of legislation had preceded him, and there is little doubt that the wholly alliance between Democrat and Independent had been effected, and Mr. Claflin had been elected Speaker, that Mr. Claflin had been placed upon the committee of one of the important committees of the House, probably the Committee on Railroads, a committee

tion is a forcible speaker and a discriminating debater. His knowledge of parliamentary law is such as to make him feared by the opposition. With the Republican majority in the House Mr. Clafin would have ranked among the most useful, as he is one of the ablest members of the House.

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**Magazines.**

*The British Quarterly Review* for January is just received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 41 Barclay Street, New York. The list of contents is a fresh demonstration of the fact so often stated, that this Review, in common with the others of the series regularly republished here, aims to keep its readers well informed on all matters of public interest,

controversy now waging in Germany is "deeply rooted in the historical incompatibility of the pretensions of the Papacy with the autonomy of the state"; that the conflict was inevitable, and admits of no compromise; and "upon every ground of scripture, of reason, of society, of history, and of humanity," take side with the civil against the ecclesiastical power, in the struggle for supremacy in the state.

"The History of Greece," by G. W. Cox, author of "The Mythology of the Aryan Nations," receives much commendation, especially for the discrimination between true history and mere legend. The two volumes now published con-

Article IV. is best described in the writer's own words: "He has sought to present, in the data of Scriptural religion, a great body of scientific facts which must remain positive knowledge in the department of religion, whatever new knowledge may arise in physical science." "Europe and Peace" would have been more aptly entitled "Europe Preparing for War," and for a war of terrific proportions. The description of the condition and temper of the nations affords little hope for the continuance of peace.

The other articles and the extended notices of Contemporary Literature bring more topics

The numbers of *The Living Age*, for the weeks ending Feb. 6th and 13th are full of interesting and valuable reading. They contain Nasmyth's Physical History of the Moon, from the *Edinburgh Review*; Mr. Lowell's Poems; Cornhill; Saxon Studies, by Julian Hawthorne; Part IV, *Contemporary Review*, German Home Life, *Fraser*; The Shakers or Girlingtones, *Spectator*; The Mental Effects of the Cold, *Spectator*; A Vandal Venice, *Pall Mall Gazette*; The Literary Partnership of Canning and Frere, *Fraser*; False Economy, *Victoria Magazine*; together with "Miss Angel" by Miss Thackeray; "Fate to be Free," by Jean Ingelow, and the continu-

**Recent Publications.**

**FAST FRIENDS.** By J. T. Trowbridge. Boston: James B. Osgood & Co. From Bailey & Noyes.

*Fast Friends* is a continuation of the story and adventures of Jack Hazard, which has been captivating the readers of "Our Young Folks" and "St. Nicholas" for the last three years. Now the whole set is complete and its book form.

It is a natural, simple story of how Jack Hazard, a much abused little canal driver, strikes out for himself, and by his integrity or

wins "a chance for himself." He continues: "doing his best" and steadily "winning his way" in the love and esteem of his many "fast friends."

In "Fast Friends," Jack goes to the city and finds his relatives, and the boy life and exploits are over, but the funny, characteristic episodes of the earlier volumes are wanting, and Jack who is so lifelike on the farm seems out of place in a big city.

But we are not called upon to bid a final adieu to Jack or to leave him a prosperous clerk in a dry goods store, for as the "Young Surveyor" in one of the early settlements of northern Illinois, with the wild prairie around

**TROPHIES OF SOON.** By Rev. W. F. Crafts. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co.

This volume contains articles on and incidents illustrative of the power of sacred music. It supplies pastors, superintendents and choristers with opinions and suggestions of Christian writers and teachers upon the subjects of congregational singing, praise meetings, and other uses of music in Christian labor. The incidents in regard to the history and power of popular hymns will be found of interest. An introduction is furnished by Dr. E. Tourjee, and the preem is by Adelaide Proctor.

## Contemporary Opinion.

WHAT JOURNALISTS THINK OF THE PRESS.

[From the Belfast Journal.—Dem.]

The Press has a great many valuable features, its editorials are able, its local department excellent, and its commercial and shipping news department especially full and valuable. We are glad to know that it is prospering.

[From the Camden Herald.]

THE PRESS is ably edited and conducted, and full of news. The Maine State Press is a first class Week, made up from the Day. The telegraphic news is carefully rewritten and given under the head of a Weekly Review. In addition to this there is an Agricultural depart-

The Portland Press is a very ably conducted newspaper, and its editor is a politician, but it however rises above the mere partisan and independently discusses politics, though from a Republican standpoint. It is very bitter on all political rings, notably the "Hamin ring," which it flayed unmercifully during the Senate trial of the case of politics The Press is a first class newspaper.

The Maine State Press is intended to be a first class weekly paper. During the year arrangements have been made for a full agricultural department, conducted by a gentleman of ability, assisted by able correspondents. In addition to this the telegraphic news of the week is carefully re-viewed and re-written, and

The Portland Daily Press is now to be had at a low rate of postage for \$7.00 a year in advance. At this price any business man, or professional man who wants a first class Maine daily will assuredly receive his money's worth. Its editorial assume an air of independence and impartiality, and its columns are filled with news, brides manifesting ability and energy.

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[From the Somerset Reporter.]

It gives us pleasure to speak a good word for a newspaper so worthy as the Maine State Press. Also the Portland Daily Press is a valuable and thoroughly reliable journal. Politically it is outspoken and bold, even in denouncing the wrongs of its own party. Its

all times and have a high sense of honor for their profession.











